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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- 1. A check for \$760 representing the filing fee.
- 2. Application 47 pages, including 2 independent claims and 13 claims total.
- 3. Drawings 9 sheets of formal drawings containing 12 figures.
- Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure
 Citation, PTO 1449 with 3 documents attached.







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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 10-337108, filed on November 27, 1998.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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